



## Announcement from Dr. Nancy Lynch July 24, 2020

### School Reopening Plan Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although it is only July, we have been working continuously over the summer in preparation for the upcoming school year. It is understandable that parents and students are experiencing a lot of anxiety surrounding the opening of school in August while the positive cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in Marin and across the United States. I have heard from many parents and staff over the summer about their positions on students returning to school this fall.

First, I want to assure you that we have been developing plans for school operations this year to address any scenario that the spread of COVID-19 presents. Over the past few days, we have been working with our larger stakeholder group including educators, parents and our community partners to hear feedback, suggestions and recommendations that have helped us to finalize the flexible learning models that will be shared with the Board and the community. Additionally, I wanted to let you know that we have nearly concluded negotiations with our Reed District Teachers Association which has been going on throughout July.

At our Board meeting scheduled on **Monday, July 27 at 6:00 PM** we will share the extensive safety measures we have in place for schools when we are allowed to reopen per the guidance of Public Health and Governor Newsom. Additionally, we will share the administration's recommendation for reopening schools following distance learning that begins on August 20. Our plan will include what distance learning will look like at the start of the year, as well as describe the next learning phase with in-person instruction highlighting smaller sized cohorts.

Our Distance learning offering will look very different than it did during the spring. Our team is planning for live instruction/interaction with students five days per week and for more extended periods of time than was experienced last spring. Teachers are also designing strategies to work with students in smaller groups and to provide consistent and meaningful feedback to students and parents. Per California law, teachers will be required to take attendance during their live formats, which means that families will have less flexibility than they did last year as students will need to be online for their class sessions.

Much more information will come to you on Monday during the Board Meeting call. If you are unable to listen to the call, summary documents outlining the continuity of learning plan will be posted by the end of next week. The Board Meeting Agenda with the audio dial-in details will be sent later this afternoon.

Please know that we are working very hard and doing our very best to meet the needs of our students and community in the safest way we can. I am confident that we will all come together in support of our children to provide them a rigorous and supportive 2020-2021 school year.

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
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